

Appl. No. 10/811,671
Atty. Docket No. 8768MD
Amdt. dated December 12, 2005
2nd Reply to Office Action of July 12, 2005
Customer No. 27752

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 1 – 27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10, 15-17 and 23-27 stand rejected. Claims 11-14 and 18-22 stand objected to but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-10, 15-17, and 23-27 are canceled without prejudice for prosecution in a continuation application. Claims 11 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of the intervening claims and to make them independent. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to correct their dependencies in view of the earlier amendment to Claim 18. Basis for these amendments are found in the claims as originally filed.

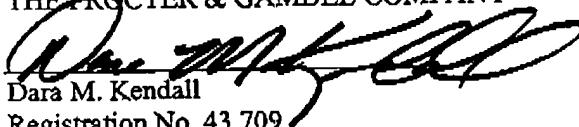
Conclusion

This amendment represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form for allowance of Claims 11-14 and 18-22. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 11-14 and 18-22 is respectfully requested.

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